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Briefs

WCCS looks to the future

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club (WSSC) will add an under-six house league division and an under-16 team for interlocking league play in the 1992 season.

The decision to include the new squads was made at the WSSC annual general meeting at the Rec Centre recently.

Additional rep-level teams are also being considered by the club.

Sal Lombardo was sworn in as vice president of the WCCS A division with Joe Caldiera installed as vice president of the B division.

Ravi Joneja was made statistician, and Andy Patterson was appointed referee in chief.

David Grimes was returned as president, with Bob Tilley, Lea Kea, Dave Duggan, Karen Grimes, Sharon Taylor, Denise Pettitt, Filippo Rumeo, John Post, Kent Taylor and Nancy Gillespie all being reassigned to posts held last year.

WSSA holds softball camp for girls

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Softball Association will be running a softball skills camp for girls aged 9-14 each Tuesday and Thursday evening, starting tomorrow (Thursday) at Orchard Park Public School.

The camp, which begins at 6:30 p.m., is for girls who reside in Whitchurch-Stouffville, Goodwood and Claremont.

For further information, please call 640-3039 (Bob French), 640-4062 (Dave Miller), or 642-2803 (Kathy VanKoughnet).



Photo/ANNETTE BUCHKOWSKI

Vince Nardi of the Stouffville Town Spurs snatches the soccer ball from under the feet of an Orillia player during a game between Stouffville and the league champion Orillia team Saturday. The game finished in a 2-2 tie. Despite a good year for the Spurs they will miss the league playoffs.

Town Spurs nosed out of playoff spot

Despite more than doubling their 1990 season point total, the Stouffville Town Spurs have missed the Newmarket and District Soccer League playoffs.

The Spurs tied first place Orillia 2-2 in their final game of the season at home Saturday, but were nosed out for the fourth and final playoff position by Bradford United, who edged the Bradford

Football Club 2-1 the same day.

The Spurs and Bradford United each ended up with 24 points, but Bradford was awarded fourth spot by virtue of their better goals record.

Vince Nardi scored the Spurs first goal Saturday on a pin point pass from Tony Pearse.

Eron Sluga provided the Spurs with the tie when his wind-assist-

ed direct free kick sailed under the cross bar and into the net with less than a minute remaining in the game.

Spurs co-coach Alfons Rubbens said his team was disappointed, but that they had worked hard and done well.

"It was a great improvement over last year," said Rubbens. "But it still leaves us something to shoot for next season."

Novice Clippers win exhibition game vs. Oshawa

Jean-Francois Bourqui's goal with just 30 seconds left in the game gave the Stouffville Minor Novice Clippers a 1-0 win over Oshawa in an exhibition game last week.

It was the Clippers first win in three preseason contests.

Stouffville had tied Markham 3-3

earlier in the week, as Bourqui fired a hat-trick. Jason McDonald and Scott McDougall had assists for the Clippers against Markham.

Chad Glover scored from Jody Infumari and Dan McNaught in the third period to give the Boumeister

Landscaping Midget Clippers a 1-0 victory over Lindsay in the Clippers season opener Sunday.

Jeff Willis was outstanding in goal for the Clippers to earn the shutout.

The Midgets play their home opener against Uxbridge Saturday night at the Rec Centre at 9 p.m.

Brad May's first NHL goal a proud moment for Dad

Chalk up another big thrill for Brad May.

The 19-year old son of Stouffville real estate broker Ken May scored a goal in his first ever National Hockey League game Friday night.

And what better team to notch that memorable marker against than the defending Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins.

May, who wasn't even certain he would be included in the Buffalo Sabres season opening lineup, netted his initial score on a breakaway in the second period of the game, which the Sabres lost 5-4.

May was on the Sabres checking line, along with Rick Vaive and Christian Ruttu. The threesome were in charge of containing Penguin star Mario Lemieux's line, which they did, as no opposition goals were scored while May's line was on the ice.



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Ken May drove to Buffalo to be at the game, along with an entourage which included his wife Gail, Brad's brother Darryl, who came in from Sudbury for the event, and Ken's brother and sister in law.

Though assigned seats amongst the 2,000 seat Pittsburgh contingent of fans, Ken said that didn't stop them from expressing their approval when Brad scored.

"We just went ecstatic," admitted Ken.

"He did well," Ken added. "He

had a lot of good hits. He got (Paul Coffey) a few times."

Brad was kept off the score sheet in the Sabres 3-1 loss to Washington Capitals in a game televised on channel 29 Saturday night.

Don Barker is compiling a history of softball in Stouffville for the Ontario Amateur Softball Association Junior Men's Fastball Eliminations which are to be held in Stouffville next July.

Barker is looking for any information, memorabilia, etc. pertaining to softball or hardball and can be contacted at 640-1619.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Community Ball Association is holding its annual general meeting tonight at the Rec Centre at 7 p.m.

Stouffville players accounted for half the Uxbridge Bruins goals in a season-opening 4-3 win over the Bowmanville Eagles Friday night at the Uxbridge Arena.

Darron Baston, the only member of this year's Bruins defence corps who played with the 1990-91 Central Ontario League champion club, and rookie Dan McNeil both clicked.

McNeil who has played only high school house league hockey for the past few seasons, has impressed Bruins head coach Jim McDowall.

Other Stouffville newcomers who have made their presence felt with the team so far are David Carmanico and Jay Hause.

The Bruins are at home this Friday night against the Little Britain Merchants. Game time is 8:30.

Stouffville 'ready' for Junior C

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A junior C hockey team has been proposed for Stouffville.

Ed Hakonson, owner-operator of Choko Design Inc. on Sandford Dr., Stouffville, told the Tribune last week he has asked the local hockey association to approach the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) on his behalf regarding obtaining a franchise.

"I've asked Wally Crowder (president of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association) to make the application," said Hakonson, who sponsored the Ontario champion Squirt rep softball team this past summer.

When contacted by the Tribune, Crowder confirmed Hakonson's request, and said his association would be interested in supporting such a team.

"We have contacted the OHA requesting information," said Crowder. "If we get the right people who are willing to put something together, we would like to see it happen. We're ready for a junior C team, and the town would like to see it as well."

Crowder said the WSMHA had been approached last year by existing junior teams, including a Markham junior B squad, about relocating in Stouffville.

But nothing had become of the overtures, Crowder said.

Hakonson said he would want to start at the junior C level, but that his plan was to eventually have a junior B squad playing out of Stouffville. Local players would be encouraged to play in Stouffville if such a team were present, he said.

"We have no place for our kids to play now (at the upper levels)," he said. "Many of them are playing in Uxbridge (with the junior C Bruins). I think we can get Stouffville interested. We would want to create some excitement, and line up a team to make it happen."

Ed Hakonson, the owner-operator of Stouffville's Choko Design Inc. has some friends in high places in the Toronto Maple Leaf organization. Or at least he did until new owner Steve Stavro took over.

Ed, who is on the board of directors, and is chairman of fundraising for the Ontario Easter Seals Society, had met former Leafs board chairman Don Giffen while working on Easter Seals business.

He asked Giffen if it would be possible to snare a couple of seats for the Canada Cup semi-final between Team Canada and Sweden last month.

To Ed's surprise, he found himself two rows back of the Canadian bench. Every now and again, it pays to be a volunteer.